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SUBJECT: VESCO CASE: VESCO RENOUNCES US CITIZENSHIP

1. PRESIDENT FIGUERES TOLD ME TODAY (APR 30) THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY ROBERT VESCO THAT THE LATTER HAD RENOUNCED HIS US CITIZENSHIP. VESCO TOLD HIM HE HAD DONE SO BEFORE " TWO NOTARIES" AND THAT HIS LAWYERS HAD TOLD HIM THERE WERE TWO WAYS TO RENOUNCE CITIZENSHIP, EITHER BEFORE A US CONSULAR OFFICIAL OR A SWORN " ACT OF FAITH" BEFORE NOTARIAL AUTHORITIES. PRESIDENT DID NOT INDICATE WHERE THIS RENUNCIATION TOOK PLACE. PRESIDENT SAID THAT VESCO WAS IN COSTA RICA AT PRESENT.

2. I SAID THAT I HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT THE RENUNCIA-
TION HAD TO BE BEFORE A US CONSULAR OR DIPLOMATIC OFFICER,
AND THAT IN ANY CASE WE HAD TO DOCUMENT THE ACT OF RE-
NUNCIATION. I SAID IT WOULD PROBABLY BE NECESSARY FOR
US TO ASK MR. VESCO FOR DETAILS OF HIS RENUNCIATION.
I ADDED THAT I ASSUMED HE WAS DOING THIS PRIMARILY TO
PROTECT HIMSELF FROM US JURISDICTION. THE PRESIDENT
DID NOT ANSWER DIRECTLY OTHER THAN TO SAY THAT HE
ASSUMED VESCO HAD CONSULTED HIS LAWYERS AND KNEW WHAT
HE WAS DOING.

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3. I ASKED THE PRESIDENT UNDER WHAT CITIZENSHIP VESCO
WOULD OPERATE THEN, AND THE PRESIDENT SAID HE ASSUMED
HE WOULD BE LIKE CLOVIS MCALPIN, VIZ. A STATELESS
PERSON BUT WITH RESIDENT STATUS IN COSTA RICA AND A
PROVISIONAL COSTA RICAN PASSPORT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST DEPARTMENT ADVICE IF
PERSON CAN RENOUNCE HIS CITIZENSHIP LEGALLY BEFORE OTHER
THAN DIPLOMATIC OR CONSULAR OFFICER ABROAD? HOW CAN
CITIZENSHIP BE RENOUNCED IN US?
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